



## STP celebrates 27<sup>th</sup> Foundation Anniversary

**MAKATI CITY, Philippines** - Parish Anniversary is a special occasion to thank God's persistent love and compassion upon His church and community. On July 12, 2019, the community of Sta. Teresita Parish celebrated its 27<sup>th</sup> Foundation Anniversary and the Feast Day of Saints Louis and Zelig Martin (the parents of St. Therese of the Child Jesus).

The novena started on July 3 and ended on July 11, 2019. Devotees filled the parish for nine consecutive days and as a highlight for the Feast of Saints Louis and Zelig Martin, couple sharers were invited each day and were given time to impart their life testimonies after the homily. The couples shared heartening stories centered on their marriage and family life, challenges, and how they were able to survive and keep their harmony by surrendering everything to God as the center of their families.

As we proudly celebrate the 27 years with Christ, a liturgical concert was organized by the Music Ministry of the parish with a theme: "*Dambana ng Panginoon: Pag-Ibig at Paglilingkod*" on July 06, 2019. The landmark celebration honors the upcoming 27<sup>th</sup> Foundation Anniversary of the parish, showcasing the rich and truly inspiring talents of the choirs within the ministry. The festive commemoration was graced by the special guest, Mr. Limer Veloso together with the very gifted classical singers namely: Mr. Homer George (Classical & Cross over Tenor), Mr. Jec Retulla (Baritone), Ms. Veron Mcdonnell (Mezzo Soprano), and Ms. Alegria Ferrer (Soprano). The parishioners couldn't contain their emotions when Rev. Fr. Richard Magararu, SMM beautifully sang "*Huwag Limutin*" and "*Gabing Kulimlim*" together with the Altar Servers of the parish and when Rev. Fr. Angelo Pusikit, SMM sang "*Panunumpa*". The Montfort Fathers also joined the event as they all delightfully sang "*Maging Akin Muli*" and "*Pagkakaibigan*". The concert ended successfully and aimed to help generate funds for the renovation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the parish and to acquire musical instruments for the ministry.

On the Feast day, a concelebrated Mass was presided by the Vicar Delegation Superior of the Montfort Missionaries, Rev. Fr. Paul Arnel Lucero, SMM together with his fellow SMM Rev. Frs. Richard Magararu, Angelo Pusikit, Federick Yumang, Arnel Pagaduan and Gener Pito. One of the highlights of the celebration was the blessing of the Saints Louis and Zelig Martin Hall located at the ground floor of the parish after the mass. A simple reception and program that was prepared and attended by the mandated organizations and parishioners from the different zones was held at the 3rd floor of the parish. It was also a "*Despedida*" party for Fr. Richard and Fr. Angel. The attendees presented their gifts and messages of gratitude for their 6 long years of journeying with the community of Sta. Teresita Parish.

Our faith draws us back in a historical experience. This celebration will always remind us to gaze back into the past and be grateful for what God has done for us and we all know that this enriching history will lead us into the future as we walk in the light of God. As we rejoice this wonderful milestone, we are also rejoicing the loving work of God together with the Blessed Virgin over the spiritual journey of Sta. Teresita Parish for the past 27 years.

*"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."*(Matthew 18:20)

*Jackie Foster*